



FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
Washington, DC 20463

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19 SUBJECT: MUR 7247 (Bell Nursery USA, LLC, *et al.*)
20 Pre-Probable Cause Conciliation
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22 **I. INTRODUCTION**
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24 On May 9, 2017, following the consideration of a *sua sponte* submission, the Commission
25 found reason to believe that Bell Nursery USA, LLC violated 52 U.S.C. § 30122 and 11 C.F.R.
26 § 110.4(b)(1)(i) by making contributions totaling \$17,587 in the name of Gary L. Mangum, and
27 found reason to believe that Gary L. Mangum violated 52 U.S.C. § 30122 and 11 C.F.R.
28 § 110.4(b)(1)(ii), (iii) by allowing his name to be used by Bell Nursery USA, LLC to make
29 contributions.¹

30 The Commission authorized the Office of the General Counsel to settle this matter
31 through pre-probable cause conciliation and approved a proposed conciliation agreement.²
32 Attached is a revised agreement negotiated with Respondents which would resolve the
33 violations. For the reasons set forth below, we believe the attached agreement with Bell Nursery
34 USA, LLC and Gary L. Mangum represents a reasonable settlement under the circumstances
35 presented in this matter, and we recommend that the Commission accept it and close the file.

¹ Certification, MUR 7247 (Bell Nursery USA, LLC, *et al.*) (May 9, 2017).

² Certification, MUR 7247 (Bell Nursery USA, LLC, *et al.*) (May 9, 2017).

Therefore, we recommend that the Commission accept the attached signed conciliation agreements with Respondents, approve the appropriate letter, and close the file.

III. RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Accept the attached signed conciliation agreement with Bell Nursery, USA, LLC and Gary L. Mangum.
2. Approve the appropriate letter.
3. Close the file.